



Miami-Dade Parks March 2005 Calendar of Events

TUESDAY, 1

Yoga Classes

6-7:30 p.m., Tuesdays; 10-11:30 a.m., Wednesdays. \$60 for a six-week session. Yoga taught by Marlene Shulman. Call 305.235.1668, ext. 225 for more information. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami

Skyward Kites

10 a.m.-Sunset. Daily. Add the joy of kite flying to your day at the beach. Kites on sale, starting at \$5 and staff will help with assembly and give instructions on how to be a master kite flyer. Haulover Beach Park, 10800 Collins Ave., Miami Beach, 305.893.0906.

Deering Historic Tours

10 a.m.-4 p.m. \$7 adults; \$5 children. Daily. Tour the historic 1922 Stone House, the 1896-1900 Richmond Cottage and the 444-acre environmental preserve featuring archaeological sites and rare native flora and fauna. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305.235.1668

Dog Park

Sunrise-Sunset. Free. Monday-Friday. \$4 parking per vehicle on Saturday and Sunday. The park offers five acres of enclosed green space with walking trails and water fountains for dogs. Dog Park at Amelia Earhart Park, 401 East 65 St., Hialeah, 305.685.8389

Deering Natural Areas Tours

Daily. Free with park admission: \$7 adults; \$5 children. Take a guided walking tour through a tropical hardwood hammock to a Tequesta Indian burial mound. On the half-mile boardwalk tour, you'll learn of our unique ecosystem. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305.235.1668, ext. 242

"Lost Colonies of the Americas" Map Exhibit and Lecture

10 a.m.-5 p.m. Free with park admission: \$7 adults; \$5 children. Thru April 16. Claude Alix will give a lecture on rare and historical maps. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305.235.1668, ext. 233

Mountain Bike Trails

Sunrise-Sunset. Monday-Friday. \$4 parking per vehicle on Saturdays and Sundays. Mountain bike trails for beginners, intermediate and advanced riders. Amelia Earhart Park, 401 East 65 St., Hialeah, 305.685.8389

Skate Park

3:30-7:30 p.m. Monday-Friday; 12-8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. \$3 for two-hour session; \$5 for two-hour session and safety equipment. Skate Park at Amelia Earhart Park, 401 East 65 St., Hialeah, 305.685.8389

Farm Village

9 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. Monday-Friday. \$4 parking per vehicle on Saturday and Sunday. The farm village offers petting zoo daily and pony rides on Saturdays and Sundays for children weighing 70 lbs. and less. Pony rides are \$2. Bill Graham Farm Village at Amelia Earhart Park, 401 East 65 St., Hialeah, 305.685.8389

Amusement Center

10 a.m.-5 p.m. Daily. Ride a colorful carousel and bike or roller-blade through miles of trails. Carousel operates weekends and holidays only. Three rides for \$1. Crandon Park, 4000 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne, 305.361.5421

Water Safety Skills Class

\$40/10 classes. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Ages 6 and older with disabilities. Class covers all levels of swim lessons, water exploration, and water safety. Call 305.665.5319 (v/tdd) for schedule. A.D. Barnes Pool, 3701 SW 72 Ave., Miami

Swim Team

5-6 p.m. \$40/5 weeks Water exercise \$30/5 weeks. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Swim classes and competitions for individuals 13 and older with developmental disabilities. Leisure Access Center, 3401 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305.665.5319 (v/tdd)

Swim Lessons, Water Exercise & Arthritis Aquatics

\$40/10 classes. Swim lessons and water exercise and arthritis exercise for ages six and older with disabilities and arthritis. Classes held at Tamiami, Norwood, A.D. Barnes, and Cutler Ridge pools. Call 305.652.4304 (north); 305.665.5319 (v/tdd) (central); or 305.234.4948 (south) for schedules.

WEDNESDAY, 2**Arch Creek Ghost Tours**

7-8:30 p.m. \$5. Wednesdays. Take a night tour of Arch Creek Park and learn about its spooky past. Hear personal accounts of ghostly encounters that have occurred since the late 1800s and maybe have an encounter of your own. Call 305.944.6111 for reservations. Arch Creek Park Museum, 1855 NE 135 St., N. Miami

Basketball Team

5-6 p.m. \$32/month. Mondays and Wednesdays. Ages 13 and older with developmental disabilities. Learn basketball skills, drills and compete in the Special Olympics. Leisure Access Center, 3401 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305.665.5319 (v/tdd)

THURSDAY, 3**Deering Night Hike**

7-9 p.m. Free with park admission: \$7 adults; \$5 children. Take a moonlit guided walking tour through a tropical hardwood hammock to a Tequesta Indian burial mound. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305.235.1668, ext. 242

FRIDAY, 4**Day out with Thomas**

9 a.m.-4:45 p.m. \$16. Ages 2 and older. Also, March 5, 6, 11, 12 & 13. All aboard for Thomas the Tank Engine as the classic storybook friend rolls into Miami. This fun-filled family event offers a 20-minute ride with Thomas, storytelling, video viewing and live music. Tickets can be purchased by calling toll free 1.866.468.7830 or logging on www.goldcoast-railroad.org. Gold Coast Railroad Museum, 12450 SW 152 St., Miami, 305.253.0063

Polynesian Adventure

7 p.m. hor'dourves; 8 p.m. dinner. \$50. Enjoy a Polynesian banquet with music and cultural exhibits. Fruit & Spice Park, 24801 SW 187 Ave., Homestead, 305.247.5727

Fun on Friday

6:30-10:30 p.m. \$40/monthly. Also, March 18. Social program for adults with developmental

disabilities. Call Helen at 305.945.3425 for details. Greynolds Park, 17530 W Dixie Hwy., N. Miami Beach

Goal Ball

3-5 p.m. on Fridays; 11 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturdays. Free. A sport for ages 16 and older with visual impairments. Call Helen Barnfather at 305.945.3425 for more information. Fridays games held at A.D. Barnes Park Leisure Access Center Weight Room, 3401 SW 72 Ave., Miami and Saturdays games at Palm Springs North Pool, 7901 NW 176 St., Miami.

SATURDAY, 5

Asian Culture Festival

10 a.m.-6 p.m. \$6; free for children under 12. Thru Sunday. Enjoy the Asian culture: visual arts, handicrafts, Asian cuisine, martial arts, bonsai and folk and classical music. Fruit & Spice Park, 24801 SW 187 Ave., Homestead, 305.247.5727

Big Cypress Swamp Exploration

8 a.m.-5 p.m. \$40. On this swamp exploration, you will see an abundance of wildlife from alligators to Zebra butterflies, including the endangered Everglades Snail Kite. Call 305.365.3018 for reservations. Meet at the Crandon Visitors and Nature Center, 6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne

Redland Historic Bike Hike

9 a.m.-12 p.m. \$25 includes bike; \$20 with own bike. Join this leisurely-paced, 12-mile bike hike through the Redland with a stopover at Redland Fruit & Spice Park. Call 305.365.3018 for reservations. Castellow Hammock, 22301 SW 162 Ave., Homestead

Two Women Exhibit Opening

7-10 p.m. Free. The exhibit features the work of two women artists. The evening features drumming and dancing. Exhibit on display thru March 30, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Monday-Friday. The Gallery at the African Heritage Cultural Arts Center, 2166 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Miami, 305.638.6771

Metrozoo Eco-Canoe Tour

8-10 a.m. \$30 adults; \$25 ages 12 and younger. (Includes a zoo admission pass for a future visit. Be part of the sights and sounds of the zoo in the early morning hours as you leisurely paddle through the backwater lake that is bordered by lush pinelands, dynamic oolitic limestone formations, and related native wildlife. Meet the Eco-van in front of the zoo for your transportation to the canoe tour launch site. Call 305.365.3018 to register. Miami Metrozoo, 12400 SW 152 St., Miami, 305.251.0400

Matheson's Mangroves Canoe Tour

10 a.m.-12 p.m. and 4-6 p.m. \$25 adults; \$15 ages 14 and under. Saturdays and Sundays (Except Easter Sunday). Explore the magnificent mangrove community that lines Biscayne Bay on this relaxing canoe tour. Call 305.365.3018 to register. Meet at the Redfish Grill at Matheson Hammock Park, 9610 Old Cutler Road, Miami.

Native Plant Day At Crandon Park

9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Parking fee: \$5. Learn about native trees, shrubs, ferns, palms and wildflowers for your garden. Native plants will be on sale. Crandon Park Visitors and Nature Center, 6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne, 305.361.6767

Inner City Talent Search

8 p.m. \$15. Inner City Talent Search presents "Miami Semi-Finals." Joseph Caleb Auditorium, 5400 NW 22 Ave., Miami, 305.636.2350

Tai Chi Classes

10:30 a.m. \$60 for a six-week session. Saturdays. Classes taught by Jeffrey Morris. Call 305.235.1668, ext. 225 for more information. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami

Crandon Park's Bear Cut Preserve Nature Trail Tours

10 a.m. \$2. Saturdays and Sundays. Tour a rare remnant of Miami's remaining maritime hammock, scrub habitat and mangrove forest. Call 305.361.6767 for reservations. Meet at the Crandon Park Visitors and Nature Center, 6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne.

WHAF Horse Show

8 a.m.-9 p.m. Free. Tropical Park Equestrian Center, 7900 SW 40 St., Miami, 305.554.7334

Historic Oleta River Canoe Trip

10 a.m.-1 p.m. \$25 adults; \$15 children ages 14 and younger. Saturdays. On this canoe trip, catch a view of many wading birds and mammals in their natural habitats and visit an undisturbed Tequesta Indian midden. Call 305.365.3018 for reservations. Meet at East Greynolds Park, NE 167 St. and Biscayne Blvd., N. Miami Beach 305.944.6111.

Chicken Key Canoe Tour

8-11 a.m. \$25 adults; \$15 ages 9-14. Saturdays and Sundays, March 13 & 20. Canoeists will experience the beauty of Biscayne Bay as they make their way to Chicken Key Island, a seven-acre bird rookery. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305.235.1668, ext. 242

Metrozoo Ball of the Wild: Rhythm of the Tropics

7-p.m.-12 a.m. \$500 per person; \$5,000 table. Guests of the sixth annual gala will enjoy rhythmic tropical music, an eclectic silent auction, the culinary and visual delights of Barton G., an extravagant live auction, and of course, wild animal encounters. Call 305.255.5551, ext. 138 for reservations or information. Miami Metrozoo, 12400 SW 152 St., Miami

Arch Creek Trail Tour

10-11:30 a.m. \$3. Saturdays. Join us on this naturalist-guided tour through a native tropical hardwood hammock where the pioneers of North Miami once lived and the prehistoric Tequesta Indians thrived for hundreds of years living off the land. Call 305.944.6111 one day in advance for reservations. Meet at Arch Creek Museum, 1855 NE 135 St., N. Miami.

A.D. Barnes Nature Walk

3-4 p.m. \$4. Join a naturalist as we explore the paved trail and discover the plants and wildlife that inhabit A.D. Barnes Park, 3401 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305.662.4124.

Key Biscayne Heritage Bike Tour

2-4 p.m. \$25 includes bike and helmet rental; \$20 with your own bike. Also, March 26; other dates and times: March 6 & 27 from 9-11 a.m. Learn of natural and historical events as you bike along this barrier island. Call 305.365.3018 for reservations. Crandon Park Visitors' and Nature Center, 6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne

Wheelchair Tennis Program

9-11 a.m. Saturdays. Free. Ages 6 and older. All skill levels. Call 305.755.7848 (v/tdd) for more information. Big Five Tennis Club, 9299 SW 7 Terr., Miami, 305.234.4948

Crandon Park Heritage Tram Tours

3 p.m. \$2 adults; \$1 children. Saturdays and Sundays. Take a tram ride through Crandon Park and the Bear Cut Preserve and learn about the island of Key Biscayne and its fascinating history. Call 305.361.6767 for reservations. Crandon Park Visitors and Nature Center, 6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne

Saturday Morning Camp: Drop-n-Shop

9 a.m.-1 p.m. \$5 one child, \$8 two children: \$11 three children. Saturdays. Parents, you can do your shopping while your child is supervised with activities, games, videos and arts and crafts. Highland Oaks Park, 20300 NE 24 Ave., N. Miami Beach, 305.932.2164

Guided Historical Nature Walk

2-4 p.m. \$3 per person; \$4 per vehicle entrance fee. Saturdays and Sundays. See animals in their natural surroundings and learn about plant life that might not be seen on a paved trail. Call 305.948.2891 for reservations. Greynolds Park, 17530 W. Dixie Highway, N. Miami Beach

Family Campfire and Night Walk

7-9:30 p.m. \$5. Also, March 12. Learn about scary nighttime critters and then search for them on the trail after dark. Afterwards, enjoy a campfire with marshmallow roast and star viewing. Call 305.255.4767 for reservations. Bill Sadowski Park and Nature Center, 17555 SW 79 Ave., Miami

Firearm Safety

9 a.m.-4 p.m. \$5 adults; children free. Saturdays and Sundays. Learn the fundamentals of firearm safety, range rules and regulations. Trail Glades Range, 17601 SW 8 St., Miami, 305.226.1823

NRA First Steps Course

10 a.m.-12.30 p.m. \$49.94. Saturdays. Ages 21 and older. This course consists of fundamental basic pistol instruction and safety and meets state requirements for the concealed weapons permit. Trail Glades Range, 17601 SW 8 St., Miami, 305.226.1823

Canoe, Kayak and Paddle Boat Rentals

10:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Canoes and kayaks for adults are \$4.50 per half hour and \$3 for children. Paddle boats are \$5 per half hour. The Boathouse at Greynolds Park, 17530 W. Dixie Highway, N. Miami Beach, 305.948.2891

Water Bicycles and Kayak Rentals

\$10 per half hour. Saturdays and Sundays. Amelia Earhart Park, 401 East 65 St., Hialeah, 305.685.8389 and Tropical Park, 7900 SW 40 St., Miami. Call 305.495.4637 for reservations at Tropical.

Junior Naturalist

2-4 p.m. \$5. Ages 6-10. Also, March 12. Program consists of different themes based on the Tropical Hardwood Hammock, including birds, plants, historical facts and more. Children will participate in nature identification, games and arts & crafts. Call 305.944.6111 for reservations. Arch Creek Park Museum, 1855 NE 135 St., N. Miami

Crandon Park's Bayside Canoe Adventure

8-10 a.m., Saturdays; 3-5 p.m., Sundays. \$40 adults, \$25 for Miami-Dade County residents; \$15 ages 14 and younger. On this canoe tour, discover the endless mangrove forest where great blue herons, iguanas and spotted eagle rays lurk. Call 305.365.3018 for reservations. Crandon Park Visitors and Nature Center, 6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne

Crandon Park's Key Biscayne Kayak Tour

9 a.m.-12 p.m. and 2-5 p.m. \$25. Saturdays and Sundays. Ages 9 and older. Explore the colorful tropical fish, spotted eagle rays, cushion stars, herons and other animals that share this fragile and unique sanctuary. Call 305.365.3018 for reservations. Crandon Park Visitors and Nature Center, 6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne

SUNDAY, 6

Everglades Peddle - Paddle

9 a.m.-1 p.m. \$35. Our Everglades adventure starts with a leisurely bike ride along historic Aerojet Road with a chance to stop at one of the region's best birding locations. At the end of this 3.5-mile bike ride, hop in a canoe for a relaxed 4-mile journey along the border of Everglades National Park. Call 305.365.3018 for registration, meeting location or further information.

The Rare Event Plant Auction and Fellows Garden Party

Fairchild hosts another fantastic evening and the second annual rare plant auction. For tickets and more information, contact Jamie Adams at 305.667.1651, ext. 3382. Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, 10901 Old Cutler Road, Miami

Archeology & Historic Preservation Fair

10 a.m.-5 p.m. Free with park admission: \$7 adults; \$5 children. Unearth South Florida's past with mock archeology digs and presentations. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305.235.1668, ext. 233

Wheelchair Basketball Teams

Free. Sundays. Wheelchair basketball for athletes ages 10 and older. Call 305.755.7848 (v/tdd) for times. McArthur Senior High, 11035 SW 84 St., Miami

Canoe Workshop

1-4 p.m. \$20 adults; \$15 ages 14 and under. Learn the fundamentals of canoeing, including basic strokes, steering and safety skills. Call 305.365.3018 for reservations. Bill Sadowski Park and Nature Center, 17555 SW 79 Ave., Miami, 305.255.4767

Family Day in the Park

1-3 p.m. \$5. Sundays. Bring the family for a fun adventure at Arch Creek Park. Go on an archaeological dig, make pottery like the Tequesta Indians and hike through nature trails. Call 305.944.6111 for reservations. Arch Creek Park Museum, 1855 NE 135 St., N. Miami

Crandon Park's Bird & Butterfly Walks

8 a.m. \$3. Sundays. Learn the basics of bird watching and butterfly and moth identification on this naturalist-guided walk. Call 305.361.6767 for reservations. Meet at the Crandon Park Visitor and Nature Center, 6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne.

Earth Day Celebration

7:30 a.m.-1 p.m. \$15 entry fee for 5K Walk, benefiting Tsunami victims. Join the Skylake/Highland Lakes Homeowners Association in an Earth Day celebration starting with a 5K walk. At 9:30 a.m. we clean up the park and plant trees. Highland Oaks Park, 20300 NE 24 Ave., N. Miami, 305.932.2164

TUESDAY, 8**Camp Owaissa Bauer Owl Walk and Campfire**

7-9 p.m. \$10. See what creatures go bump in the night as we look for Ogrespined spiders, Nighthawks, Black Witch Moths and the Eastern Screech Owl. Afterwards, join us around the campfire for a marshmallow roast. Call 305.242.7688 to register. Camp Owaissa Bauer, 17001 SW 264 St., Homestead

WEDNESDAY, 9**A.D. Barnes Night Walk**

7:30-8:30 p.m. \$4. Also, March 23. Meet some interesting nighttime creatures as you take a relaxing walk through our paved trails. Call 305.365.3018 for reservations. A.D. Barnes Park Nature Center, 3401 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305.662.4124

THURSDAY, 10

In the Company of Women

6:30-9 p.m. \$25. The 17th annual celebration of outstanding local women. Call 305.755.7800 for more information. Vizcaya Museum and Gardens, 3251 S. Miami Ave., Miami

Owl Walk at Castellow Hammock

7-8:30 p.m. \$5. Also, March 31. See what creatures go bump in the night as we look for Ogrespined spiders, Nighthawks, Black Witch Moths and the Eastern Screech Owl in a tropical hardwood hammock. Call 305.242.7688 to register. Castellow Hammock Nature Center, 22301 SW 162 Ave., Miami

Greynolds Owl Prowl

7 p.m. \$5. Also, March 19 & 24. Join naturalist along park trails for the elusive Eastern Screech Owl and other creatures of the night. Call 305.948.2891 for reservations. Meet at the Boathouse at Greynolds Park, 17530 W. Dixie Highway, N. Miami Beach.

FRIDAY, 11

Women in Ritual Exhibition Opening

7-9 p.m. Free. Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Saturday 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday 11 a.m.-4 p.m. This annual event is a multi-media production using the visual arts, dance and media arts to convey the role and rituals of women in society. The visual arts exhibition continues through May 13. Women's Park History Gallery, 10251 West Flagler St., 305.480.1717

4th Annual Crawfish Boil

7-11 p.m. \$45. \$60 at the door. Enjoy an evening of great Cajun specialties, lots of crawfish, Fairchild Hurricanes and live music. For tickets and more information, call Maggie Rossi at 305.667.1651, ext. 3377. Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, 10901 Old Cutler Road, Miami

SATURDAY, 12

Women's Summit

9 a.m.-6 p.m. Thru Sunday. In its second year, the Women's Summit provides a forum for addressing women's issues. Workshops will focus on health, creativity, money and family. Call 305.480.1717 for registration and more information. Women's Park, 10251 West Flagler St., Miami

Indian Cuisine

10 a.m.-1 p.m. \$25. A native cook will teach you the traditional spices and how to cook the food of India. Fruit & Spice Park, 24801 SW 187 Ave., Homestead, 305.247.5727

Greynolds Campfire

4:30 p.m. \$15. Also, March 26. Begin the evening with a hike learning about medicinal, edible and other important plants. Then participate in a canoe trip to the campgrounds for storytelling, craft making and marshmallow roasting around the campfire. Call 305.948.2891 for reservations. Meet at the Boathouse at Greynolds Park, 17530 W. Dixie Highway, N. Miami Beach.

Chapman Field Canoe Trip

9 a.m.-12 p.m. \$25. A variety of birds and sea life including River Otters and Spotted Stingray can be spotted on this leisurely paced canoe trip. Call 305.365.3018 to register. Meet at Chapman Field, 13601 Old Cutler Road, Miami.

Bird Walk

7:30-10 a.m. Free with park admission: \$7 adults; \$5 children. Come learn about local and migrating birds at Deering. Explore various habitats of the park while finding and identifying

numerous bird species. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305.235.1668, ext. 242

Sports Saturday

8:30 a.m.-12 p.m. \$32/month. Also, March 26. Basketball, swimming and exercise activities for individuals 13 and older with developmental disabilities. Leisure Access Center, 3401 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305.665.5319 (v/tdd)

Bill Sadowski Park Volunteer Workday

9 a.m.-12 p.m. Learn about native plants and do your part to make the park more beautiful. Call 305.255.4767 for information. Bill Sadowski Park and Nature Center, 17555 SW 79 Ave., Miami

Oak Grove Park Volunteer Workday

9 a.m.-12 p.m. Volunteers help restore natural areas by removing exotic plants, planting seedlings or picking up trash. Call 305.257.0933 for more information. Oak Grove Park, 690 NE 159 St., Miami

Heritage Horse Show

8 a.m.-6 p.m. Free. Thru Sunday. Tropical Park Equestrian Center, 7900 SW 40 St., Miami, 305.554.7334

Sunshine State Arabian Horse Show

8 a.m.-7 p.m. Free. Thru Sunday. Tropical Park Equestrian Center, 7900 SW 40 St., Miami, 305.554.7334

SUNDAY, 13

Eco-Tour Van Trip: Loxahatchee Arthur R. Marshall National Wildlife Refuge

8 a.m.-4 p.m. \$40 adults; \$15 ages 14 and younger. Also, March 27. Spend a day exploring the northern Everglades, including a cypress swamp boardwalk and marsh trail explorations where wading birds, hawks, alligators and migrating waterfowl can be spotted. Call 305.365.3018 for reservations. Trip meets at the Greynolds Park Boathouse, 17530 West Dixie Hwy, N. Miami Beach.

Bill Sadowski Park to Coral Reef Park Sunset Canoe Tour

1-4 p.m. \$25 adults; \$15 ages under 14. Take a leisurely paddle to Coral Reef Park in search of wildlife, including flocks of ibis. Call 305.365.3018 for reservations. Bill Sadowski Park and Nature Center, 17555 SW 79 Ave., Miami

Nature Photography 101 at Crandon Park

9-11 a.m. \$10. Capture nature's beauty! Learn the basics of photographing your subjects in their natural habitats. Call 305.361.6767 for reservations. Meet at the Crandon Park Visitors and Nature Center, 6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne.

MONDAY, 14

Magic City Monday: Jumping Frog of Calaveras County

10:30 a.m. \$3. Momentum Dance Company presents Jumping Frog of Calaveras. Joseph Caleb Auditorium, 5400 NW 22 Ave., Miami, 305.636.2350

THURSDAY, 17

Afternoon Tea at Fairchild

3 p.m. \$35. Also, March 24. Enjoy tea in the Ballroom. Call 305.667.1651, ext. 3391 for reservations. Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, 10901 Old Cutler Road, Miami

FRIDAY, 18

Spring Critters

9:30-3:30 pm with early drop off and late pick up available. \$20. Ages 6-12. Enjoy learning about springtime hatchlings through exploratory games and crafts. Call 305.255.4767 for reservations. Bill Sadowski Park and Nature Center, 17555 SW 79 Ave., Miami

SATURDAY, 19

Lucia di Lammermoor

7 p.m. \$19-\$150. Other dates and times: March 22, 26 & April 1 at 8 p.m.; April 3 at 2 p.m. Florida Grand Opera presents Donizetti's gripping tale of unrestrained passions, madness, murder and suicide. Miami-Dade County Auditorium, 2901 West Flagler St., Miami, 305.547.5414, ext. 0

Herbal Fantasy

9 a.m.-4 p.m. \$50. Also, March 20. Come indulge in a herbal fantasy, an all day conference on herbs and spices, including workshops, a bazaar and garden tours. Fruit & Spice Park, 24801 SW 187 Ave., Homestead, 305.247.5727

Big Cat-Nap Campout

6 p.m.-8:30 a.m. Ages 6 and older with an adult. Enjoy an evening of s'mores, stargazing, behind-the-scenes tours and other special treats. Call 305.255.5551, ext. 125 for details and registration. Miami Metrozoo, 12400 SW 152 St., Miami

Eco-Bike Tour at Metrozoo

8-10 a.m. \$25 includes bike; \$20 ride your own bike. Journey by bike through endangered pine rockland habitat to view native birds and plants. Afterwards, enjoy the fascinating animals of the zoo. Call 305.365.3018 to register. Meet at Larry and Penny Thompson Park, 12451 SW 184 St., Miami.

The 18 Mile Stretch

2 p.m. Included with admission: \$5 adults; \$3 children. Bob Naumann of the Florida Pioneer Museum presents a lecture and slide show on The 18 Mile Stretch, its history and ecological effect on Florida Bay. Gold Coast Railroad Museum, 12450 SW 152 St., Miami, 305.253.0063

Butterfly Walk

2-3:30 p.m. Free with park admission: \$7 adults; \$5 children. Designed for beginners and experts, this walk will explore various habitats of the park while finding and identifying numerous butterfly species. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305.235.1668, ext. 242

Palm & Cycad Show and Sale

9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. \$10 adults; \$5 ages 3-12. Thru Sunday. Fairchild Tropical Garden, 10901 Old Cutler Rd, Miami, 305.667.1651

Kendall Indian Hammocks Park Volunteer Workday

9 a.m.-12 p.m. Volunteers help restore natural areas by removing exotic plants, planting seedlings or picking up trash. Call 305.257.0933 for more information. Kendall Indian Hammocks, 11345 SW 79 St., Kendall

Florida Paso Fino Horse Show

8 a.m.-12 p.m. Free. Thru Sunday. Tropical Park Equestrian Center, 7900 SW 40 St., Miami, 305.554.7334

SUNDAY, 20

Big Cypress Swamp Tromp

9 a.m.-5 p.m. \$40. Cool your feet on this fun hike exploring wet prairies, sloughs and cypress swamps. Call 305.365.3018 to register. Meet at A.D. Barnes Park Nature Center, 3401 SW 72 Ave., Miami.

Crandon's Little Naturalist

2-4 p.m. \$10 child & parent. Ages 5 and younger with parent. March 23 from 9-11 a.m. for ages 10 and younger. You, along with your young naturalist, will have the opportunity to participate in nature hikes, habitat studies, butterfly and bird watching, sea turtle programs and much, much more! Call 305.361.6767 to register. Crandon Park Visitors and Nature Center, 6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne.

MONDAY, 21**Spring Break Camps**

Miami-Dade Parks offers spring break camps for youth ages 6-14. Thru March 25. Visit www.miamidade.gov/parks for more information or call your local park.

Crandon's Teen Kayak and Snorkeling Workshop

10 a.m.-1 p.m. \$15. Ages 13-18. Call 305.361.6767 for reservations. Meet at the Crandon Park Visitors and Nature Center, 6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne.

TUESDAY, 22**Crandon's Teen Shadow-a-Naturalist Program**

10 a.m.-1 p.m. \$10. Ages 13-18. Join Crandon Park's naturalist staff and have a blast learning about snorkeling, kayaking, South Florida native wildlife, career opportunities in nature and much more. Call 305.361.6767 for reservations. Meet at the Crandon Park Visitors and Nature Center, 6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne.

WEDNESDAY, 23**Nasdaq-100 Open**

Thru April 3. Championship tennis featuring Andre Agassi, Andy Roddick, Venus and Serena Williams and many more. Call 305.442.3367 for ticket information. Crandon Park Tennis Center, 7300 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne

THURSDAY, 24**Crandon's Women & Nature Camp**

9 a.m.-4 p.m. \$10. Ages 10-12. In honor of Women's History Month, this camp will introduce girls to snorkeling, kayaking, South Florida native wildlife, career opportunities in nature and much more. Call 305.361.6767 for reservations. Meet at the Crandon Park Visitors and Nature Center, 6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne.

FRIDAY, 25**Moonlight Canoe Excursion**

7-11 p.m. \$35. Ages 18 and older. Canoeists will enjoy the moonlit beauty of Biscayne Bay as they make their way to Chicken Key Island. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305.235.1668, ext. 242

SATURDAY, 26

The Great Metrozoo Egg Safari

11 a.m.-4 p.m. Included with zoo admission: \$11.50 adults; \$6.75 ages 3-12. Thru Sunday. Spend a magical day at Metrozoo's Easter Egg Safari! For children 12 and under, there will be continuous scrambles for colorful candy-filled eggs and other treats. Be sure to bring your own basket! Miami Metrozoo, 12400 SW 152 St., Miami, 305.251.0400

Indian Key Canoe And Snorkel Tour

8 a.m.-6 p.m. \$45. Rental of snorkeling gear is available at an additional fee of \$7. On this tour you will paddle over to the key, tour the island on foot and don your snorkel gear to explore the clear waters rich in marine life. Call 305.365.3018. Meet A.D. Barnes Park Nature Center, 3401 SW 72 Ave., Miami.

Everglades Wildflower Bike Hike

9 a.m.-1 p.m. \$20, plus Everglades National Park entrance fee (\$10/car). Learn about fascinating wildflowers of the Everglades on the this 12-mile bike hike on Long Pine Key. Call 305.365.3018 to register. Meet at the Ernest F. Coe Visitor Center.

Florida Reigning Horse Show

8 a.m.-6 p.m. Free. Thru Sunday. Tropical Park Equestrian Center, 7900 SW 40 St., Miami, 305.554.7334

SUNDAY, 27**Easter Brunch at the Veranda Restaurant**

Celebrate Easter with brunch in the enchanted setting of Fairchild. Call 305.667.1651, ext. 3345 for reservations. Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, 10901 Old Cutler Road, Miami

TUESDAY, 29**Children's Wheelchair Tennis Clinic**

Free. Ages 6-18. Children with physical disabilities will learn basic tennis skills from tennis professionals at the NASDAQ-100 Open. Call 305.755.7848 (v/tdd) to register. Crandon Park Tennis Center, 7300 Crandon Blvd, Key Biscayne